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STUDY DESCRIPTION

SADA STUDY NUMBER: 0083

TITLE: Omnibus February, 1995.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS: Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

DEPOSITOR: Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

SERIES DATA:

Series name:	Principal Investigator:	Currently available:
Youth omnibus Survey, February 1993	Human Sciences Research Council	1993
Omnibus September 1993	Human Sciences Research Council	1993
October Omnibus 1994	Human Sciences Research Council	1994
Omnibus Survey, February 1995	Human Sciences Research Council	1995
Omnibus September 1995	Human Sciences Research Council	1995
Omnibus February 1996	Human Sciences Research Council	1996

ABSTRACT:

An omnibus survey is done quarterly and its purpose is to give clients an opportunity to participate in a national survey at low cost. A number of clients' questions are combined into one questionnaire. This questionnaire is usually administered to probability sample of 2200 respondents in the whole country (South Africa). The 1995 February omnibus consisted of two separate samples of 2200 each – one sample having a blue questionnaire and the other sample having a green questionnaire. The February/March 1995 omnibus survey was undertaken over the period 27 February to 24 March 1995. The data from this survey was available in May 1995. The fieldwork was done on a countrywide basis including all nine provinces. Interviewers specifically trained in personal interviewing collected the data. The respondents were scientifically selected, and interviewed at home. The interviews were conducted after hours to ensure that the scientifically drawn person was present. If the drawn person was not home during the first visit, but was available during the fieldwork period, an appointment was made and the person concerned revisited. If nobody in the household qualified, or was available during the fieldwork period, the household was substituted. The questions in the questionnaire were printed in both English and Afrikaans. During training these were translated into the relevant languages of the black fieldwork areas. Interviews were conducted in the respondent's choice of language..

The respondent also had to be part of the scientifically drawn household, and be available during the fieldwork period. Substitution of the visiting point was only allowed for specified reasons.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: South Africa.

IMPORTANT VARIABLES: A variety of questions included from the different participants (clients) in the omnibus survey..

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES: Standard, general demographic and biographic information in Section A of the questionnaire.

UNIVERSE: The universe that was sampled comprised the all South African residents of 18 years and older.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION – SAMPLING: Respondents were drawn by means of a multistage stratified cluster (probability) sample design. The South African population of persons 18 years and older was stratified according to provinces, socio-economic strata amongst others – see fieldwork report following in the codebook. The sample allocation to these strata was done proportional to the 1991 population census figures with some exceptions – see fieldwork report following in the codebook. Census enumerator areas and similar areas were used as the clusters. The number of respondents per drawn enumerator area was either 4 or 8. All clusters were drawn with probability proportional to size, whilst households were drawn from the final clusters with equal probability (serial sampling procedure was applied.) Respondents were drawn randomly (by applying a grid) from qualifying household members. The sampling interval was determined by dividing the number of visiting points in an EA by the sum of the ‘blue’ and the ‘green’ samples for the EA, e.g $320/2 \times 8 = 20$. In order to ensure proper representation, the two questionnaires were then administered at alternate visiting points.

FIELDWORK AGENCY: MarkData of the Human Sciences Research Council conducted the fieldwork as described in the method of data collection above.

TYPE OF INSTRUMENT: Structured interview schedule/questionnaire.

UNITS OF OBSERVATION: One case/unit equals one person/respondent.

WEIGHTING: Factor weighting and RIM weighting was used – see fieldwork report following below in the codebook.

DATE OF DATA COLLECTION: 27 February – 24 March 1995.

EXTENT OF DATA COLLECTION: 2 data files for ‘blue’ and ‘green’ samples (ASCII & SPSS export) + hardcopy documentation + questionnaire.

‘BLUE’ SAMPLE:

File name:	‘da0083pl.dat’
Number of cases:	2238
Number of records:	2238
Number of records per case:	1
Logical record length:	80+
Number of variables:	±630
Number of kilobytes: ASCII	1063 KB
SPSS	797 KB
SPSS Export	1202 KB

‘GREEN’ SAMPLE:

File name:	‘da0083p2.dat’
Number of cases:	2226
Number of records:	2226
Number of records per case:	1
Logical record length:	80+
Number of variables:	±630

Number of kilobytes: ASCII	1057 KB
SPSS	849 KB
SPSS Export	1433 KB

PUBLICATIONS:

1. MarkData (survey agency), Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) 1995, fieldwork report – Omnibus February 1995.